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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 19451

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, TH, CA  
SUBJECT: CIRCULATION OF THAI CIVIL RIGHTS LETTER BY GROUP  
CANADA

REF: BANGKOK 19367 (NOTAL)

-SUMMARY- LETTER CRITICAL OF THAI HANDLING OF CASES OF 18  
PERSONS DUE TO BE ARRAIGNED SEPT 5 ON VARIOUS CHARGES  
ARISING OUT OF DISTURBANCES IN BANGKOK OCT 6, 1976, IS  
EVIDENTLY RECEIVING WIDE CIRCULATION, BOTH WITHIN THAILAND  
AND INTERNATIONALLY. END SUMMARY.

1. LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER THANIN OF JULY 28, CRITICIZING  
PROCESSING OF CASES INVOLVING 18 PERSONS DETAINED IN  
BANGKOK ON OCT 6, 1976, AND PURPORTEDLY SIGNED BY 16  
RELATIVES OF DETAINEES, HAS EVIDENTLY BEEN WIDELY CIRCULATED. 18 PERSONS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE ARRAIGNED ON SEPT 5  
ON VARIETY OF CHARGES STEMMING FROM OCT 6 DISTURBANCES IN  
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BANGKOK. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF LETTER TO THANIN  
WHICH IS BEING CIRCULATED IN BANGKOK UNDER COVER OF NEWS-  
LETTER PREPARED BY "COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THAILAND,"  
BOX 254, ORLEANS, ONTARIO, CANADA.

2. THE NEWSLETTER PREPARED BY THE CANADIAN ORGANIZATION  
REFERRED TO ABOVE CONTAINS A CALL FOR "DEVELOPMENT OF AN

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK.....TO STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNICATION  
BETWEEN THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THAILAND." NEWSLETTER  
NOTES THAT "THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ALREADY SHOWN  
THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THAILAND:"

UNION OF DEMOCRATIC THAIS  
P.O. BOX 6914  
JERSEY CITY, N.J. 07306

UNION OF DEMOCRATIC THAIS  
P.O. BOX 17808  
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90017

UNION OF DEMOCRATIC THAIS  
COMITE DE SOLIDARITE AVEC LE PEUPLE THAI  
69 RUE DE BABYLONE  
75007 PARIS

THAI ASSOCIATION IN SCANDINAVIA  
BOX 19 111  
10432 STOCKHOLM 19

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR DEMOCRACY IN THAILAND  
BASEMENT  
103 GOWER ST.  
LONDON WC 1E6AW  
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ACTION COMMITTEE FOR SIGNATURE  
CAMPAING FOR THAI POLITICAL PRISONERS  
C/O JISHU-KOZA  
I - 37 - 9 KAKUSAN, BUNKYO-KU  
TOKYO

SIXTH OF OCTOBER THAI UNITED FRONT FOR DEMOCRACY  
93 DRUMMONG ST  
CARLTON, VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

FEDERATION OF UNITED KINGDOM AND EIRE MALAYSIAN AND  
SINGAPOREAN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (FUEMSSO)  
3 ENDSLEIGH ST  
LONDON WC1H ODU

FRIENDS OF THE THAI PEOPLE IN AUSTRALIA  
23 SMITH STREET  
FITZROY, VICTORIA 3065, AUSTRALIA

MITR THAI  
PO BOX 6914

JERSEY CITY, N.J. 07306

MITR THAI  
CHAPTER HOUSE  
LEVERINGTON, WISBACH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE, ENGLAND

3. NEWSLETTER PREPARED BY CANADIAN ORGANIZATION IS BEING WIDELY CIRCULATED AT THAMMASAT, CHULALONGKHON, AND OTHER THAI UNIVERSITIES. COPIES OF THE LEAFLET HAVE ADDITIONALLY BEEN SENT BY MAIL TO A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF THAI MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE BANGKOK METROPOLITAN AREA.

4. NEWSPAPER INVITES ITS READERS TO WRITE TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN TO KING OF THAILAND, PRIME MINISTER THANIN, CONFIDENTIAL

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THAI AMBASSADOR TO UN PRACHA GUNA-KASEN, THAI AMBASSADOR TO US ARUN PANUPHONG, SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE, AND THAI CONSULATES IN US. IT SUGGESTS THAT "IN CANADA CONCERN SHOULD BE EXPRESSED" TO THAI AMBASSADOR TO CANADA SAKON WANABRIKSHA AND TO CANADIAN MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JAMIESON.

5. THE KING OF THAILAND HAS REPORTEDLY RECEIVED MORE THAN 20 LETTERS IN THE PAST MONTH ON THE SUBJECT OF THE TRIAL OF THE DETAINEES. THE LETTERS TO THE KING COME FROM THE US, AUSTRALIA, THE UK, GERMANY, FRANCE, AND SWEDEN.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEES REGARDING THE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN PARA 2. O'DONOHUE

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